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Mr. William Rose



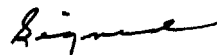
Dear Mr. Rose:

The White House has referred your letter of 7 December 1947, addressed to the President of the United States, to this Agency for a reply. Your interest and concern that the United States have a strong intelligence organization is much appreciated.

The National Security Act of 1947, established, for the first time in our peace time history, a Central Intelligence Agency. I am enclosing a copy of the National Security Act, and call your attention to Section 102 thereof, which establishes this Agency, and sets forth its functions.

You will note from this law, that there has been no merger of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and State Department intelligence staffs. Each one of these must have their own intelligence staff to process the daily intelligence which such department needs for its own information and operation. The role of the Central Intelligence Agency is to co-ordinate all of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States and exercise authority in the field of national intelligence, which transcends the paramount interest of any one department.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, likely of the Director of Central Intelligence.

Director of Central Intelligence

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